

Effective conversations

Part 5: Deep Canvassing

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Our learning journey

- Week 1:** Effective listening
- Week 2:** Motivational interviewing
- Week 3:** Identifying your why
- Week 4:** Your theory of change
- Week 5:** **Introduction to deep canvassing**



GUIDED WORKSHEET

Deep Canvassing

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Introduction to deep canvassing



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Close & next steps

GOAL FOR THIS SESSION

Understand the basics on how to operationalize skills we have learned in sessions 1-4.

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Understand what deep canvassing is, why it works, and how we can use it.

QUESTION:

**When was the last time
you changed your mind
about something that really
mattered to you?**

Deep canvassing:
Candid **two-way conversations**
in which canvassers ask voters
to share their own **emotionally**
significant experiences and
reflect on them **aloud.**

Goal:

**Uncover real, lived experience
with emotional weight.**

QUESTION

**How is deep canvass
different from other canvasses
you have experienced?**

Why deep canvass?

Persuasion is hard.
(Also, you are weird.)

- **Dramatic effects**
- **Lasting effects**
- **Penetrate a saturated environment**
- **Develop an unlikely ally (persuasion!)**

Psychological theories

- **Backlash effect**
- **Self-persuasion**
- **Cognitive dissonance**

Recipe examples: **analogic perspective-taking, out-group threat**

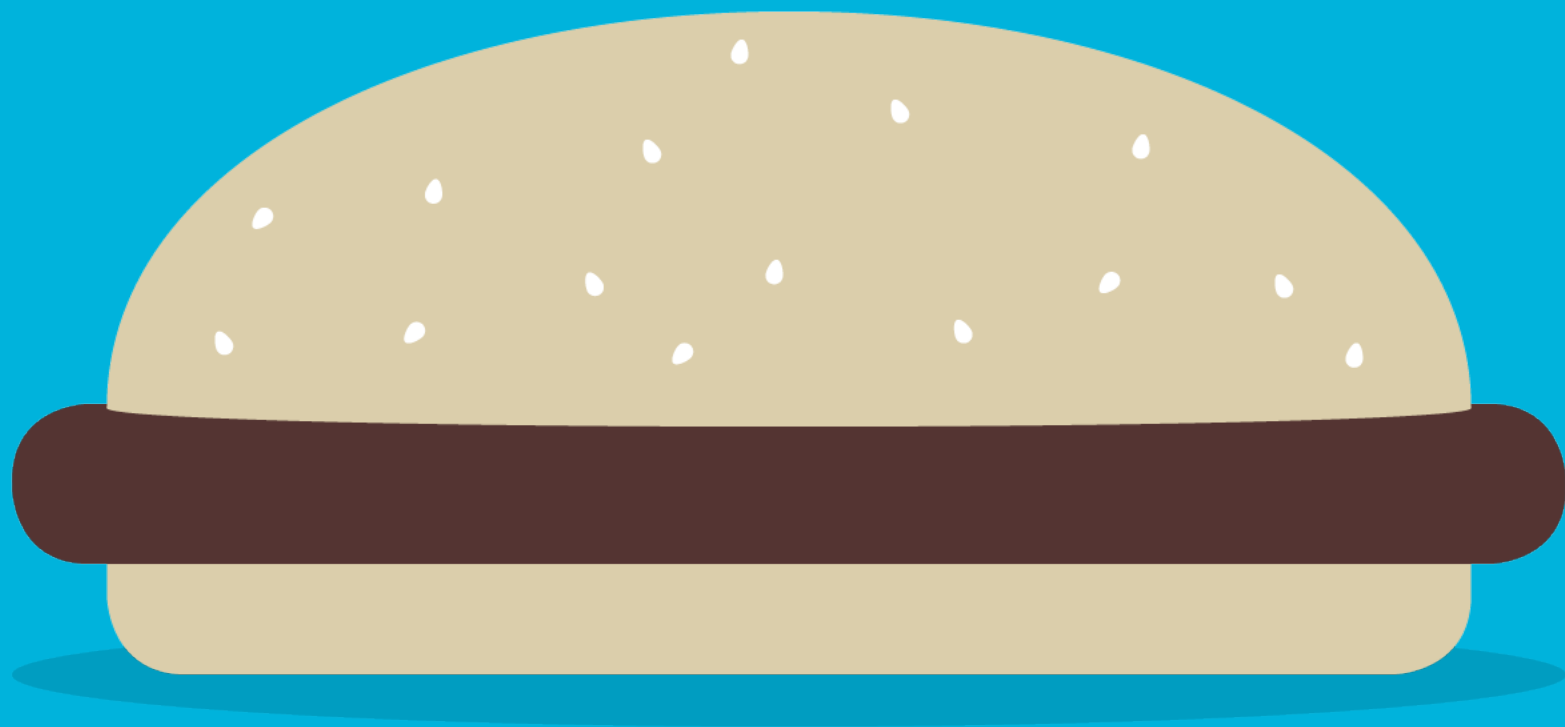
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KEY SKILL #1

Non-judgment

Helper skill: Curiosity

RATING SCALE

On a scale 0 to 10 where 0 is not at all 10 is very much so and in between is more or less likely do you think that . . .

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not Support				←Some →			Strongly Support			

Why is that the right number for you? What's on each side? Tell me more . . . |

KEY SKILL #2

Active Listening

Helper skill: Repeat Backs

KEY SKILL #3

Vulnerability (story sharing)

Helper skill: Share at the level of values



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TRANSITION TO STORY

We don't often talk about our [topic] but when I think about [topic], I think about [person you care about] ...

KEY SKILL #4

**Pro tip for connecting
values and lived experiences**

**It sounds like you really care
about [value]. Do you
remember a time when that
crystallized for you?**

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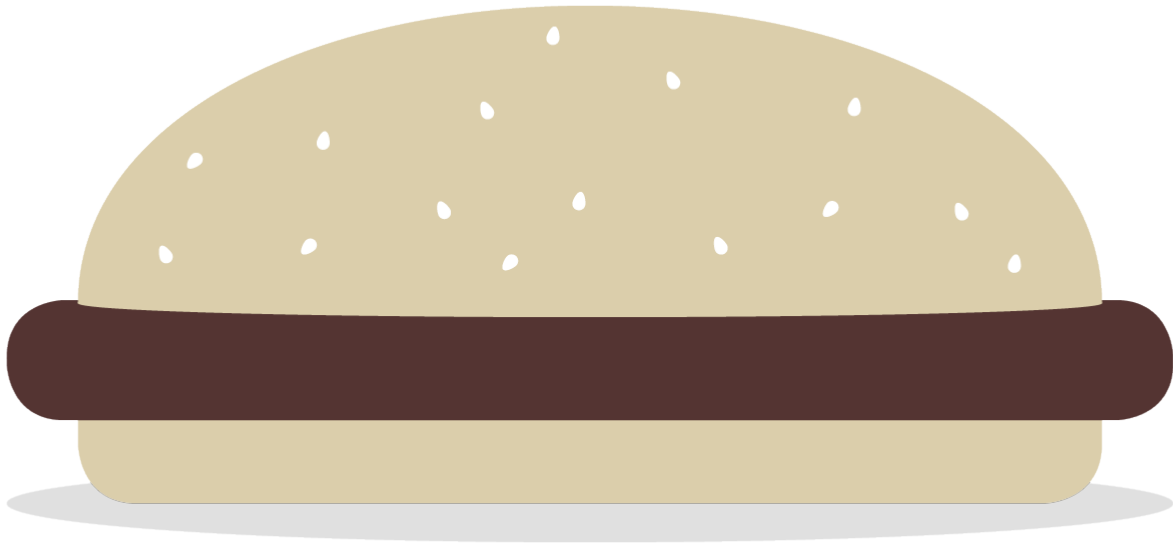
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Putting it all together



→ Education, connection, second rating, ask, data collection

→ Story sharing

→ Introduction and first rating

Using these skills in the wild

- At the door
- In water cooler conversations
- In 1:1s
- In group meetings

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Recap – Knowing your why

Why, how, what (and when to use it)

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Debrief

What is your biggest take-away?

What outstanding questions do you have?

Thanks!

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